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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, SEP 15 1905

DEAR SIR,

I wish to obtain information respecting the derivation of the place-names of Canada—of the names of the villages, towns, cities and of the natural features, such as rivers, lakes, capes, bays, mountains, etc.—and shall be much obliged if you will give me any information that you may possess or can procure, respecting the below-mentioned name and also respecting the names of any other features in the vicinity of your residence concerning which you have knowledge.

In many localities, the older generation is passing, or has passed away, and unless steps are taken to collect this information, it will, in many instances, be too late. In most communities there are persons who take an interest in things of this nature or that have been connected with the early settlement of the locality. If there are any such in your neighbourhood, will you kindly submit this to them.

Below I have indicated the lines along which I desire information and also the commoner derivatives of place-names in Canada :—

(1.) Whether named after a village, town, or city, or natural feature in any other province or country ; if so, the name of province or country in which the original locality is situated.

(2.) Whether named after a person ; if so, the person's name, occupation, spelling of name as rendered by the person and any details of interest respecting him (or her) such as (a) Whether alive or, if dead, approximate year of death ; (b) Whether at any time a resident of the locality and, if so, whether still living there.

(3.) Whether named after a natural feature ; if so, any details respecting the origin of the name as applied to the feature and the geographical position of the latter.

(4.) Whether the town, village or city ever had any other name or names ; if so, at what dates, approximately, and the origin of these obsolete names.

Any information bearing on the above will be deemed a courtesy.

Yours truly,

JAMES WHITE,
Geographer.

Kindly write your reply on the attached sheet.

To ensure free transmission of your reply I enclose herewith an addressed envelope which will come free of postage.

*Chateaufort
Inverness Co. MS*

see over

Cheticamp Sept-26th 1903

I. The Post-Master of said Locality - beg
to submit the following statement:-

- (1) Cape Routh is down along the shore of
the Gulf of St. Lawrence, on the North side of
Inverness County, Province of Nova Scotia,
a cape about 220 feet high.
- (2) about 3 miles on this side is Little River so called
which gives an abundance of Salmon. The
Village goes by the same name.
- (3) Here comes Eastern Harbour about 3 miles on
the South West side along the same coast
a sheet of water which covers about 2 or 3 square
miles
- (4) Cheticamp Island is an island which
contains 1800 acres of Land. Rev Peter Fiset
the only possessor of said Island.

Lapriere's Mountain where there is an
excellent Copper Mine.

Charles a Marelli's Mountain from
which one can see from 50 to 60 miles
off by its tremendous height.

all of which is humbly
Submitted

Dear Sir

Can you give me any information re name
"Cheticamp", which is, I take it, an Indian word?
If so what does it mean?

Yours truly
James White

My Dear Sir

in reply to your request I beg to say
that Cheticamp is not an Indian name
But a French name

? Cheticamp means a Bad Camp.
When the first settlers came were they
found an old rotten camp with this
inscriptions on it - the date of the year
that they were leaving their Bad
Camp, what means in French
Cheticamp

A. P. M. M. M.

Cheticamp

N. B. The inscription was written in
French and it was Cheticamp

Camp Cheticamp